Washington County Planning Commission Meeting June 26, 2007

ITEM #4. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION. Request permission to hold the annual Founder's Day Celebration at Old Fort Harmony, approximately 3 miles east of New Harmony. L. Karen Platt, applicant.

The planner explained that the Fort Harmony Historical Society representative is asking that this automatic annual review take place two months in advance, so they can hold the event earlier this year. This event has been held several years within New Harmony Town, then last year the pageant was held at the Old Fort Harmony site. These types of events are conditionally approved. This event is the "Fort Harmony Days" scheduled for Saturday, July 21, 2007, to have pioneer events to celebrate the founding of Harmony Valley. Parking will be available along the newly improved 2900 East (Schmutz Lane). Hopefully, visitors will be able to utilize the library restrooms, whereas, last year porta potties were brought in at a cost of \$300. and they were never used. Tables will probably be set up on the library parking lot for the barbeque. There have been no complaints on this use.

Karen Platt, applicant, also asked for permission for a group of citizens to clean up the noxious weeds on the adjoining property prior to the event being held.

Motion was made by Commissioner Christopher to recommend approval for the Conditional Use Permit Extension, for a period of one (1) year. Commissioner Cropper seconded the motion. Five (5) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.

Washington County Planning Commission Meeting August 22, 2006

<u>Item #2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT</u>. Request permission to hold the annual Founder's Day Celebration at Old Fort Harmony, approximately 3 miles east of New Harmony. L. Karen Platt, applicant.

The planner explained that this event has been held several years within New Harmony Town and they want to hold the pageant at the Old Fort Harmony site, now that the Library Building is adjacent to this location. This event is the Founder's Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd, 2006, to present a pioneer musical, "I See Our Zion." The Pre-show featuring the Sevy Family Celtic Band will begin at 6:00 p.m. Parking for the event will be available along SR 144 and the stage will be set up on 2900 East (Schmutz Lane). The horses will be contained on the library property, and the dressing tent and wagon will be located on the Old Fort site. In the future, it is expected that visitors will be able to utilize the library restrooms, but for this event, porta-potties will be utilized. Bottled water will be available and the audience can set up their chairs in front of the stage. The pageant is free to the public. Because this event will be held before the County Commissioners meet again, the planner explained that this item has already been approved by the County Commission, pending today's recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Karen Platt, applicant, was in attendance and concurred with the planner's comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Christopher to approve the Conditional Use Permit, for a period of one (1) year. Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion. Five (5) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.